firm while UPSEB has offered to do the job for over Rs. 300 crores less;

(c) whether Government would make public the World Bank report on the subject; if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S.'VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unrealistic Poverty Eradication Plan

2909. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news item published in the 'Dainik Tribune' dated the 9th September, 1996, captioned ""Poverty Eradication Plan not realistic"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. According to the estimates made by the Planning Commission, 28.37 per cent of the rural population live below the poverty line in 1987-88. Planning Commission is actively engaged in considering alternatives to measure the extent of poverty in the country.

In so far as Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is Concerned, per capita investment is progressively being stepped up through adoption of Family Credit Plan (FCP), group cluster approach, as well as formulation of viable project profiles.

आइस क्रीम और बेकरी उद्योगों को सुरक्षित उद्योगों की सूचना से हटाना

2910. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 15 नवम्बर, 1996 के ''टाइम्स आफ इण्डिया'' में ''मिनिस्टर्स आस्कस पी. एम. टू डिरिजर्व बेकरी, आइसक्रीम सैक्टर्स'' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री से आइसक्रीम और बेकरी उद्योग को लघु उद्योग के लिए सुरक्षित उद्योगों की सूची से बाहर रखने का आग्रह किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में अभी तक कोई निर्णय लिया है, और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (दिलीप कुमार राय): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का विचार है कि बेकरी मदों और आइसक्रीम समेत सभी खाद्य उत्पाद अनारक्षित होने चाहिए ताकि नई प्रौद्योगिकीयां प्रवेश कर सकें और गुणवत्ता सुधार आरंभ किए जा सकें।

(घ) से (ङ) वर्तमान नीति के अनुसार, आइसक्रीम और बेकरी मदें लघु क्षेत्र में उत्पादन हेतु आरक्षित हैं।

Direct funding under JRY

2911. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct funding through JRY-Innovation has led to distortion of the role of the State Governments;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to reverse this induced distortion through JRY Innovation;

(c) whether it is a fact that JRY Innovation was an excuse for direct patronage by Government; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to remove this distortion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The projects under Innovative JRY have been funded for implemenation in consultation with respective State Government. The expenditure is shared between Centre and State in the ratio of 80:20 in all the projects which are being implemented by the State Government

agencies. In case of non-governmental organisation 100% assistance is provided by the Central Government.'

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Financial/Technical Assistance for drinking water

2912. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to nate:

(a) whether Government are providing financial assistance and technical support to different States for provision of safe drinking water to villages;

(b) if so, the allocations made to Orrisa for this purpose during the 8th Five Year Plan so far, year-wise; and

(c) what are the different types of technical
assistance provided to that State during those
years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) the following amount has been released to the State Government of Orissa;

Rs. in crore

Year		
1992-93	13.350	
1993-94	23.600	
1994-95	24.832	
1995-96	33.760	
1996-97	34.680	
	26.01	(upto November, 1996)

(c) 768 Iron removal plants, 6 Solar Photo Voltaic pumping systems 9 district Water quality testing laboratories have been installed/established in Orissa.

Funds for rural development programmes to Madhya Pradesh

2913. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleasedjo state:

(a) the amount allocated under various Rural Development Programmes to Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96;

(b) the amount released and the percentage of utilisation during the above period, under each programme;

(c) the amount earmarked for 1996-97 for removing rural unemployment in the State; and

(d) the number of people likely to get employment as a result thereof/

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The amount allocated, released and percentage utilisation under varoius rural development programmes viz. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Land Reforms (LR), Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) to Madhya Pradesh during 1995-96 are as under:—

Amount (Rs. in lakhs)

Programme/Scheme	Allocated	Released	Percentage utilisation with references to
JRY (includes URY)	51120.00	44105.00	96.08
EAS (need based)	**	28675.00	80.04
IAY	14173.00	14335.00	82.37
MWS	5502.00	5502.00	86.60
IRDP	10565.39	12846.52	88.00
ARWSP	6673.00	6673.00	90.98
LR	—	116.45	NR
DPAP	3510.00	3860.00	38.59
NSAP	5331.00	4018.00	NR

NR - Not Reported.

** - No predetermined allocation.